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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1878.

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Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen Credit the Town for the Year Ending March 1, 1878, *as Follows:—*

March 16, 1877,		Cash in Treasury,	$1,290.24
Amount due on notes of bondsman of C. M. Rollins,			1,012.06
Apr. 1,		By list of taxes assessed,	7,387.17
Mar. 24,	Received of	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1876,	386.42
April 16,	" "	" " "	100.00
" 18,	borrowed of	J. Crawford,	2,416.54
" "	" "	"	1,332.42
May 26,	Received of	J. W. Haynes, for tax, cost and interest in 1875,	12.67
June 8,	Received of	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1876,	188.32
29,	"	" " " "	70.00
July 28,	"	" " " " "	26.13
"	"	from County of Grafton,	224.45
Aug. 31,	"	of A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1876,	20.00
Sept 8,	"	E. C. Merrill, Collector, 1874,	65.00
" 18,	"	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1876,	35.00
" 24,	"	David Haynes on Elijah Sanborn's acct.,	59.00
"	"	David Haynes, Mason & Perkins' acct.,	37.37
Oct. 17,	"	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1876,	22.82
" 26,	"	O. S. Gale, on I. P. Hardy's tax, 1876,	33.00
Nov. 2,	"	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1876,	15.00
" 14,	"	Savings bank tax,	214.40
"	"	Railroad tax,	18.51
"	"	Literary Fund,	89.87
Dec. 1,	"	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1876,	65.00
" 13,	"	" " " "	70.00
Jan. 5,	"	" " " "	20.00
" 10,	"	David Haynes, Town agt. from A. Berry,	33.00

Feb. 20, rec'd of	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1875,	$79.90
" "	" " " 1876,	14.12
" 22, "	E. C. Merrill, Collector, 1873-4,	105.74
" 25, "	" " " "	25.50
" 28, "	from town farm,	24.31
" "	Cardigan Grange, for hall,	5.00
" "	use of town hall,	3.00
"	County of Grafton,	103.00
		$15,604.96
Due from County, money paid out,		$69.00
		$15,673.96

Disbursements.

Paid State tax,	$580.00
County tax,	$798.99
the several school districts,	$1,139.60

Paid on Notes.

Levi Ferrin,	$626.33
Geo. G. Hoyt,	2,416.54
Geo. G. Hoyt,	1,332.42
Mary Jenness, part pay,	40.00
Japheth Gray, in full,	117.13
Wm. C. Kelley,	607.74
Wm. C. Kelley,	449.97
	$5,590.13

Miscellaneous Items.

Chas. Keyser, money paid for watering trough,	$10.00
W. F. Simonds, services as moderator,	5.00
E. Follansbee, damages to wagon, in 1876,	5.50
Chas. Boardman, goods furnished N. E. Hopkins,	8.69
R. W. Musgrove, printing check lists in 1876,	4.50
" " " town reports,	26.00
J. P. Martin, cleaning town hall,	2.50
Walter Haywood, error in poll tax, in 1876,	3.05
A. F. Cheney, part pay for collecting in 1876,	15.00
A. F. Cheney, for making out deed on Pingree lot,	.25

G. L. Tilton, damage on highway, in 1876,	$2.00
M. M. Page, sawing wood,	.35
Morrill and Silsby, stationery,	7.97
J. F. Phillips, car fare for J. M. Simonds,	2.15
J. F. Phillips, ministerial fund,	18.00
Weston Rowell, school house tax, in 1876,	8.00
Chas. Boardman, powder,	6.00
Clark A. Gray, bounty on foxes,	4.50
Geo W. Akerman, bounty on hawks,	.40
Mason & Dearborn, insurance on town farm building,	13.00
Robert Simonds, damage, crossing field,	5.00
Horace Saunders, merchandise,	10.25
W. A. Bickford, damage on highway,	50.00
S. W. Knowls, bounty on foxes,	1.00
A. F. Cheney, part pay for collecting in 1877,	25.00
Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	2.47
A. F. Cheney, Collector for 1875,	4.30
A. F. Cheney, justice feee,	.50
L. W. Fling, retaining fee and counsel,	25.00
D. P. Prescott. goods furnished town farm, 1875,	6.09
M. M. Paige, sawing wood,	.25
B. C. Sleeper, goods furnished,	3.75
Aaron Clark, bounty on foxes,	1.00
H. Saunders, goods furnished B. W. Thomas,	1.90
H. Saunders, goods furnished J. M. Squiers,	2.00
H. Saunders, stationery,	.37
Morrill and Silsby, order book,	2.00
E. C. Merrill, in full for collecting in 1873–4,	42.21
I. A. Gale, bounty on fox,	.50
Clara A. G. Bullock, posting bills, books furnished,	8.60
	$335.05

Loss of Sheep by dogs.

O. J. Clough,	$2.50
J. R. Sleeper,	2.50
F. A. Gray,	2.50
Chas. N Plumer,	3.00
	$10.50

Abatement of Taxes.

Chas. Keyser, use of watering trough,	$3.00
John Dicey, error in poll tax, 1875,	3.00
A. F. Cheney, loss of cow and sheep,	.62
F. H. Lewis, use of watering trough, 1876,	1.50
G. W. Berry, " " " "	1.50
J. W. Saunders, error in invoice in 1876,	3.05
E. Fiske, error in taxes, 1868,	3.73
E. J. Braley, abatement of tax, 1875–6,	12.82
Leonard Cheney, abatement of poll tax,	3.25
James Berry, use of watering trough,	3.00
S. O. Gray, error in invoice,	12.50
H. S. Clifford, error in invoice,	.50
L. F. Blake, abatement of tax, use of watering trough,	3.00
J. W. Saunders, error in invoice,	3.25
C. L. Martin, abatement poll tax,	3.25
I. C. Pitman, use of watering trough,	2.00
P. T. Akerman, loss of cow and sheep,	.60
John Grant, error in invoice,	3.25
J. S. Healy, loss of cow,	.50
G. S. Bailey, loss of cow and sheep,	.75
A. B. Powers, loss of cow,	.50
Chas. Keyser, error in invoice,	1.25
Ira Babb, loss of colt,	1.00
J. F. Phillips, loss of cattle and sheep,	.80
Moses Kimball, abatement of highway tax, 1875,	.20
J. R. Sleeper, loss of horse and cow,	1.15
J. R. Morrill, abatement of tax, 1875,	8.56
Jeremiah Herbert, " " "	3.00
C. L. Martin, " " "	12.90
John Ballou, " " "	3.00
Pattee Gale, " " "	1.20
Geo. Gale, " " "	1.96
Geo. M. Bullock, " " "	3.00
D. M. Berry, " " "	3.00
J. M. Squiers, " " "	.82
Geo. F. Mulliken, " " "	3.00
John M. Ballou, " " 1873,	3.25
Daniel Martin, " " "	2.25

E. Boardman,	abatement of tax, 1873	$2.49
Hiland Ballou,	" " 1874	2.43
N. M. Sanborn,	" " "	7.35
Ruth Sanborn,	" " "	3.01
J. M. Ballou,	" " "	3.20
Chas. E. Ballou,	" " "	3.20
Pattee Gale,	" " "	1.28
Geo. Gale,	" " "	5.76
E. Boardman,	" " "	3.20
Geo. Smith,	" " "	3.20
Levi M. Gray,	" " "	3.20
Chas. Boardman,	abatement of tax on highway, 1874,	3.38
R. Pattee,	abatement in 1873–4,	5.54
Levi Simonds,	use of watering trough,	3.00
N. E. Hopkins,	abatement of tax, 1874,	3.20
H. H. Graham,	" " "	7.11
		$176.46

Paid for Paupers from Town Farm.

Martha A. Blake,	support of E. Blake,	$4.95
" "	" "	30.00
" "	" "	18.00
J. S. Chapman,	" Simonds family,	39.00
F. H. Lewis,	" Hilton family,	26.00
G. A. Robie,	coffin and robe for E. Blake,	12.00
E. Fiske,	attending funeral of E. Blake,	2.00
J. F. Phillips,	digging grave of E. Blake,	1.50
H. S. Clifford,	support of Martha Clifford, N. H. Asylum,	26.97
J. S. Chapman,	support of J. M. Simond's family,	36.00
F. H. Lewis,	support of Hilton family,	26.00
J. S. Chapman,	support of Simonds family,	15.00
F. H. Lewis,	support of Hilton family,	26.00
Jonathan Scruton,	support of feeble minded children,	26.00
Hiram Clifford,	support of Martha Clifford,	11.92
F. H. Lewis,	funeral expenses of Flora Hilton,	10.00
F. H. Lewis,	support of Flora Hilton and family,	17.00
Jonathan Scruton,	support of feeble minded children,	16.00
		$344.34

Paid For Highways and Bridges.

John Emery,	breaking roads in 1876,	$6.78
N. P. Keyser,	" " "	1.20
G. H. Gray,	labor on highway in 1875,	3.00
D. McMurphy,	" " 1876, and money paid out,	24.30
D. McMurphy,	breaking roads in 1876,	6.50
D. M. Durgin,	" " "	3.30
John C. Morrill,	labor and breaking in 1875–6,	18.00
H. J. Welton,	" " 1876,	2.00
Town of Hill,	lumber and labor on bridge,	21.75
J. W. Saunders,	plank,	9.00
L. L. Thomas,	"	12.00
J. F. Phillips,	labor on highway,	3.00
Alvah Gray,	" "	2.75
Thomas Pusey,	breaking roads in 1876,	3.00
B. W. Thomas,	labor on highway,	1.20
E. T. Hutchins,	" "	3.60
Gilbert Berry,	" "	4.99
G. W. Berry,	" "	1.20
Joseph Healey,	" "	3.00
J. W. Saunders,	" "	6.00
C. W. Tucker,	" "	5.30
P. D. Bailey,	" "	11.10
Parker K. Gray	" "	1.20
J. H. Akerman,	" and lumber,	4.50
E. J. Braley's heirs,	" on highway,	.96
J. H. Patten,	" "	4.75
J. H. Buffum,	" "	1.21
F. Tinkham,	" "	2.85
C. French,	" and plank,	3.28
Chas. French,	" on highway,	.50
J. W. Tinkham,	" "	.28
P. Akerman's heirs,	" "	4.45
N. J. Akerman,	" "	2.18
H. J. Welton,	" "	2.26
A. A. Welton,	" "	3.25
W. S. Gray,	" "	1.50

James Berry,	labor on highway,	$3.33
C. L. Dalton,	breaking roads,	6.48
Robert Alexander, Esq.,	labor on highway,	2.05
M. S. Akerman,	" "	8.00
J. W. Saunders,	plank,	12.68
N. B. Cloutman,	breaking roads,	.96
C. H. Tenney,	labor on highway,	2.40
Emery & Bucklin,	" "	6.30
J. A. Corliss,	" "	3.40
E. Jordan,	" "	2.55
Wm. Tenney,	" "	1.80
J. F. Vose,	" "	4.45
Levi Simonds,	" "	3.66
Arnold Sleeper,	" "	.75
Chas. S. Flanders,	" " and railings,	11.00
A. K. Bullock,	" "	7.95
John Sanborn,	" "	6.55
O. J. Clough,	" " money paid out,	30.34
Luke & O. S. Gale,	" on bridge,	75.00
James Crawford,	" highway,	7.30
O. S. Gale,	" " money paid out,	61.75
Luke Gale,	blacksmithing,	33.53
G. S. Verrill,	labor on highway, money paid out,	53.65
" "	" bridge,	27.50
J. G. Tenney,	" "	24.50
A. D. Morrow,	" highway, money paid out	22.28
" "	" bridges,	5.50
R. S. Gray,	" "	4.00
J. Gray, 2nd,	" "	2.00
S. O. Gray,	" "	6.00
G. T. Pitman,	" "	5.00
Levi M. Gray,	" on highway,	1.60
E. K. Scruton,	lumber,	2.32
Wm. Gray,	labor on bridge,	1.00
E. R. Scruton,	labor on highway, money paid out,	9.84
John Brock,	" "	16.60
I. P. Hardy,	" "	10.25
O. K. Gray,	" " money paid out,	31.28

Geo. F. Holt,	labor on highway,			$4.46
S. G. Akerman,	"	"	money paid out,	18.67
Daniel Martin,	"	"		1.32
H. F. Tilton,	"	"	money paid out,	27.94
P. D. Bailey, labor on bridge,				3.00
P. W. Akerman,	labor on highway,			7.20
C. H. Gordon,	"	"	money paid out,	80.78
I. C. Pitman,	"	"	" "	22.88
W. Pattee,	"	"		2.14
J. W. Saunders, lumber and saw bill,				21.41
C. W. Tucker,	labor on bridge,			2.20
F. N. Healey,	"	"		1.00
Chas. B. Bullock, labor and money paid out,				30.23
John P. Berry, lumber and plank,				75.77
N. B. Cloutman, labor and plank,				13.38
Martin Sargent,	labor on highway,			4.65
F. M. Sargent,	"	"		.50
J. P. Martin,	labor on bridge,			5.00
L. L. Thomas,	"	"		13.50
Warren Tucker,	"	"		20.00
J. F. Phillips	"	"		18.75
S. S. Patten, plank and lumber,				12.80
N. P. Keyser,	labor on highway,			3.30
Chas. Keyser,	"	"		1.99
E. Atwood,	"	"		.50
M. C. Mathews,	"	"		8.88
E. Burns,	"	"		5.12
Wm. Thissell,	"	"		6.35
Chas. C. Thissell,	"	"		.50
Harvey Locke,	"	"		7.60
J. W. Atwood,	"	"		9.00
C. L. Dalton,	"	"		11.50
E. T. Bailey,	"	"		8.75
Emma B. Sleeper,	"	"		3.25
John Peters,	"	"		9.85
J. M. Sleeper,	"	"		2.38
Chas. A. Gale,	"	"		5.82
S. D. Gray,	"	"		.75

C. F. McCloud,	labor on highway	$1.20
J. Brown,	" "	1.08
Squiers Braley,	breaking roads, 1876–7,	2.00
L. L. Ballou,	labor on highway, money paid,	20. 35
Coffrin Patten,	" " " "	15.44
E. H. Bullock,	" " " "	62.72
David Haynes,	" "	1.32
Warren L. Pitman,	" " " "	22.91
John M. Sleeper,	labor on bridge,	4.00
M. O. Sleeper,	" "	2.00
E. L. Wiggin,	labor on highway,	.50
L. L. Thomas,	" " money paid out,	10.95
E. T. Hutchins,	plank,	33.19
F. E. Berry,	labor on highway and money paid out,	32.08
John LaMoor's heirs,	labor on highway,	3.60
P. T. Akerman,	lumber,	5.34
C. H. Gordon,	labor on highway,	2.00
J. C. Morrill,	working out highway tax,	7.45
J. P. Berry,	plank,	2.35
Lewis Pattee,	labor on highway,	3.62
H. H. Pattee,	" "	3.64
James Pattee,	" "	2.40
Wilbur Pattee,	" "	1.20
Fred Bartlett,	" "	5.05
Chas. Tenney,	labor on bridge,	4.00
Geo. S. Bailey,	labor and damage,	10.00
T. T. Drake,	labor and use of derrick,	15.55
E. F. Bailey,	cutting out drifts,	1.00
David Haynes,	labor on highway,	.84
A. B. Powers,	breaking roads in 1876,	1.75
D. M. Durgin,	labor on highway,	5.54
Ira Babb,	" "	.72
Chas. Cloutman,	" "	6.00
Abby P. Durgin,	" "	2.88
Alfred Cloutman,	" "	2.20
John Cloutman,	" "	1.68
Joel S. Gray,	" "	8.55
L. E. & A. N. Blake,	" "	10.45

I. D. Emmons,	labor on highway	$2.40
Geo. T. Tilton,	" "	5.52
E. C. Merrill,	" "	11.50
Geo. H. Simonds,	" "	8.32
G. M. Clifford,	" "	3.30
W. H. Sanborn,	" "	5.17
B. H. Braley,	" "	1.00
L. F. & A. N. Blake, gravel for road,		3.00
Clark A. Gray, labor and money paid out,		10.92
P. T. & N. J. Akerman, lumber,		29.93
P. T. Akerman, lumber in 1876,		3.35
O. K. Gray, labor on highway, breaking roads, money paid out,		8.02
E. R. Scruton, labor on highway, breaking roads, money paid out,		9.78
J. H. Akerman, labor on highway, breaking roads, money paid out,		26.71
S. G. Akerman, breaking roads, money paid out,		5.52
A. D. Morrow, breaking roads, money paid out,		5.42
D. B. Plumer, labor on highway,		1.20
Robert Alexander, breaking roads,		.60
D. F. Tilton,	" "	1.08
L. L. Thomas,	" "	1.50
E. H. Bullock,	" "	1.20
James Patten, labor on highway, breaking roads, money paid out,		21.67
		$1,661.87

Paid for Town Farm.

H. W. Pettengill, services in 1876,	$250.00
Taylor, Shaw & Co., meal and flour in 1876,	29.25
C. Taylor, goods furnished in 1876,	67.99
F. B. Swain, services on farm,	125.00
H. F. Tilton, hay for Town Farm,	16.00
Horace Saunders, goods furnished Town Farm in 1876,	10.66
	$498.90

Town Officers' Bills.

L. L. Thomas, services as Selectman,		$86.00
J. F. Phillips, "	"	85.00
Warren Tucker, "	"	70.25
O. S. Gale, "	Town Clerk,	20.00
E. H. Bullock, "	" Treasurer,	40.00
Clara A. G. Bullock, "	Supt. School Committee,	35.00
David Haynes, Town Agent,		15.00
		$351.25

Recapitulation.

Total amount received,		$15,673.96
Paid State tax,	$580.00	
County tax,	798.99	
On notes,	5,590.13	
School districts,	1,139.60	
Miscellaneous items,	335.05	
Loss of sheep by dogs,	10.50	
Abatement of taxes,	176.46	
For paupers from Town Farm,	344.34	
For highways and bridges,	1,661.87	
For Town Farm,	498.90	
Town Officers' bills,	351.25	
In hands of Collector,	2,573.35	
Am't of notes in hands of David Haynes, Town Agent,	613.88	
In Treasury in note and money,	978.33	
Outstanding orders,	21.31	
		$15,673.96

List of Notes due from the Town.

Phebe Braley,	$131.30
Charlotte A. Ballou,	109.83
Sally Sleeper,	140.55
" "	140.55
" "	140.55
E. C. Merrill,	75.22
Ruth A. Phillips,	325.94
S. B. Sleeper,	252.11

S. B. Sleeper,	$493.16
" "	181.13
" "	251.11
H. F. Tilton,	173.75
Lydia Merrill,	230.42
James Crawford,	1,390.15
" "	2,521.25
Ann E. Locke,	329.49
Harvey Locke,	219.66
P. W. Akerman,	246.58
" "	307.21
Lydia Chesley,	307.21
	$7,967.17

Debts due the Town.

In Collector's hands, for 1876,	$442.91
" " 1877,	2,573.35
Due from Bondsmen of C. M. Rollins,	662.08
Due from County of Grafton,	69.00
Due from W. H. Sanborn, for lumber,	12.00
Notes in hands of David Haynes,	613.88
In Treasury, in note and money,	978.33
Due from Samuel Kirk, for cider,	3.00
	$5,354.55

Estimated debt of the Town, March 1, 1878.

Amount of notes and interest,	$7,967.17
Debt unsettled,	100.00
	$8,067.17

Amount the Town owes,		8,067.17
Amount due the Town,		5,354.55
Town debt,		2,712.62
Decrease of debt,	$2,463.94	

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. THOMAS,
J. F. PHILLIPS,
WARREN TUCKER,
Selectmen of Alexandria.

Report of Town Farm, March 1, 1878.

One yoke of oxen,	$130.00
Two cows,	80.00
One yearling heifer,	12.00
Five sheep,	20.00
One hog,	16.00
Fifteen hens,	7.50
Six tons hay,	90.00
Straw and corn-fodder,	5.00
Stove wood,	50.00
Sixty bushels ears corn,	18.00
Fourteen " oats,	6.00
Nine " rye,	6.75
One bag meal,	1.10
Thirty-five lbs. butter,	5.50
Twenty-five lbs. lard,	3.00
Sixteen lbs. tallow,	1.00
One and one half bushels peas,	2.00
Eight bushels beans,	20.00
One scythe,	.75
Twelve gallons vinegar,	3.60
Four bbls. ashes,	2.50
One hundred and fifty bush. potatoes,	60.00
Three bushels turnips,	1.50
Garden sauce,	3.00
One bbl. soap,	4.00
Three gallons boiled cider,	3.00
One half bbl. cucumbers,	2.00
Two hundred and eighty lbs. pork,	37.50
Hams and beef,	12.00
One bbl. cider,	4.00
Maple sugar,	1.50
One Tray,	.75
One coffee pot,	.75
One pail,	.35
Cow bell,	.60
Water dipper,	.40
Sheep twine,	.30

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Two lbs. sole leather,	$.60
Butcher knife,	.35
One bushel salt,	.60
Crockery,	1.23
Crash,	.89
Sap Wood,	5.00
Flour,	8.00
	$629.02

Bills contracted by Town Farm to March 1, 1878.

C. Boardman,	$93.69
H. Saunders,	9.76
Money received by F. B. Swain,	224.94
F. B. Swain, services on town farm,	200.00
	$528.39

Bills paid by Town Farm to March 1, 1878.

C. Boardman,	$93.69
H. Saunders,	9.76
Money paid out by F. B. Swain,	192.73
Due from W. H. Sanborn, for lumber,	12.00
Due from H. W. Pettengill,	1.00
To town Treasurer,	24.31
Money in F. B. Swain's hands,	7.90
	$341.39
Town farm in debt,	$187.00

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. THOMAS,
J. F. PHILLIPS,
WARREN TUCKER, } *Selectmen of Alexandria.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

District No. 1.

This district has had two terms of school the past year. The first term commenced May 28th, and closed July 6th; the second, a fall term, commenced Aug. 27th, and closed Oct. 5th. Both were taught by Miss Mary E. Gifford. She has had several years' experience as a teacher, and has done good service for this school the past year. Whole number of scholars, first term, 18; average, 15; second term, 14; average, 12. Wages of teacher per month, including board, $24. G. M. Clifford, Prudential Committee.

District No. 2.

Two terms by Miss Flora E. George. The first a term of six weeks; the second, ten and a half. This was her first experience as a teacher. She has a good education, and those who were disposed to avail themselves of the privilege, made good improvement. Those whose minds were engaged in other matters, needed a teacher of more experience. She seemed to labor for the interest of her scholars. They expressed a good understanding of what they had passed over in their studies. The school appeared well at the commencement, but at the close of the last term, the order was not as good. Whole number of scholars, first term, 19; average, 16; second term, 20; average, 16. Wages of teacher per month, including board, $18.00. Chas. Davis, Prudential Committee.

District No. 3.

First term, of seven weeks, taught by Miss Ida May Dolloff. Good order prevailed throughout the school. Being unable to visit the school in season for the examination of classes, cannot say what improvement was made, but, judging from the appearance of the school, it was good. The literary exercises were very interesting. The Prudential Committee and several of the parents were present at the close, and were highly entertained.

Second term, of twelve weeks, by Miss S. Hattie Sanborn. Miss Sanborn is a very fine teacher. Her school was quiet, orderly and interesting. She labored faithfully for the good of the scholars, and they seemed to appreciate her labors; therefore the result was one of profit. The parents were present at the examination and expressed much satisfaction. Wages of teacher per month, not including board, $16. Whole number of scholars, first term, 16; average, 11; second term, 17; average, 15. Board was given. Chas. N. Plumer, Prudential Committee.

District No. 4.

The summer term was taught by Miss Laura B. Sanborn. Commenced April 30th and closed June 8th, making six weeks. Whole number of scholars, 15; average, 11. Miss Sanborn has had several years' experience in teaching. During the last half of the term there was some dissatisfaction on the part of some of the parents with the teacher, in consequence of which they withdrew their scholars. Notwithstanding this unfortunate occurrence, there was a good degree of interest in the remaining part of the school, and it made good improvement.

Fall term taught by Ervin T. Drake. Commenced October 1st, and closed Nov. 28th, making nine weeks. This was his first attempt at teaching, but he met with good success; gained the good will of the scholars, and the school was pleasant and profitable. Wages of teacher per month, including board, $20. Whole number of scholars, 16; average, 11. Eben T. Bailey, Prudential Committee.

District No. 5.

Both terms taught by C. A. G. Bullock. Eight weeks in the summer, also the same number in the fall. The scholars did their part well. Whole number of scholars, first term, 12; average, 10. Three came from adjoining districts. Second term, 10; average, 8. Wages of teacher per month, including board, $20. Elisha H. Bullock, Prudential Committee.

District No. 6.

One term of fourteen weeks, by Miss Sarah E. Sulloway. Whole number of scholars, 17; average, 9. The scholars were very irregular in attendance. I noticed in the teacher's register twenty-nine instances of tardiness. Scholars should be prompt at the opening of the school. Regular and prompt attendance to school, as in other business, indicates interest. In Arithmetic some did very well. Grammar and parsing were somewhat neglected, and the school had not that prosperity that could be desired. Wages of teacher per month, including board, $22. G. J. Tenny, Prudential Committee.

District No. 7.

Two terms. Seven weeks in the summer, and ten in the fall; both taught by Miss Anna L. Plumer. This is one of our young teachers, and her second term of school. She labored hard for the interest of *all* her scholars, but some failed to appreciate her well intended efforts. Most of the scholars, however, manifested a good interest, and made good improvement in their studies. Whole number of scholars, 16; average, 14; second term, 16; average, 12. Wages of teacher per month, first term, $14. Board was given. Second term, including board, $20. Robert Alexander, Prudential Committee.

District No. 8.

There have been two terms in this district. The first term of six weeks taught by Mrs. Annie L. Grey. The teacher had sufficient time to devote to all her classes. She is a good teacher (if she has turned *gray*) and kept a profitable school. Wages per month, including board, $20.

Second term taught by Miss L. Etta Grey. This term of school was equally as good as the first. Length, in weeks, ten. Wages of teacher per month, including board, 19. Whole

number of scholars, first term, 8; average, 7; second term, 9; average, 7. O. K. Gray, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Two terms, both taught by Miss ALICE SAUNDERS. First term, six weeks. Whole number of scholars, 20; average, 17. Wages of teacher per month, including board, $18. Second term, ten weeks. Whole number of scholars, 24; average, 21. The scholars made great improvement. Miss Saunders is a fine teacher for one that has not had any more experience. Both schools were truly a success. E. T. Hutchins, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 10.

First term, of ten weeks, taught by Miss LUELLA J. LOCKE. This is Miss Locke's third term of school in this district which speaks well for her as a teacher. The scholars were very regular in attendance. Not one instance of tardiness. Several of the parents were present at the examination and expressed entire satisfaction. Wages of teacher per month, not including board, $14.00. Whole number of scholars, 11; average, 10.

Second term, of fourteen weeks, taught by Miss CARRIE E. DRAKE. The general appearance of the school was good. Those who were present at the close had a thorough knowledge of what they had been over. I think, however, it would been better to have devoted more time to the small ones. Little folks require a good deal attention or they will not receive much profit by attending school. Whole number of scholars, 12; average, 10. Wages per month, not including board, $14. Board was given both terms. H. S. Perkins, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Two terms, one of six and the other of ten weeks, both taught by Miss LETTIE J. TINKHAM. She was quite young, and had no previous experience in teaching. The first term the scholars learned well. The second term was almost a failure. She was qualified to instruct them, but lacked energy. There were but two scholars present at the close. I think the money was not very profitably expended. Whole number of scholars, 8; average, 5. Second term, 10; average, 5. Wages per month, including board, $18. Second term, $20. Joseph H. Buffum, Prudential Committee.

District No. 12.

Had but one term of nineteen weeks, taught by Miss Laura A. Whittemore. This was her first experience in teaching and here she met with success. The school was orderly and all learned well. Whole number of scholars, 8 ; average, 7. Wages per month, $18, including board. Ira C. Pitman, Prudential Committee.

District No. 13.

This district had two terms. First term, of six weeks, taught by Miss L. Etta Grey. Whole number of different scholars, 19 ; average, 16. Wages per month, including board, $18. Miss Grey was faithful in her duties, and the result was one of success. Good order prevailed and the scholars learned remarkably well.

Second term taught by Mr. Miner Brock. There was not that harmony of feeling that we should liked to have seen. Several were absent at the examination. Am glad to say those who were present had learned well. Wages per month, $20, including board. Stephen Knowles, Prudential Committee.

District No. 14.

This district has had two terms of school the past year. A summer term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Alma A. Powers. Whole number of scholars, 15 ; average, 13. Wages of teacher per month, not including board, $15. Miss Powers seemed interested for her scholars, and they learned very well, but the order was poor.

Second term, of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Belle Calley. Some of the scholars in this district are the farthest advanced of any in town, and they need a thorough and competent teacher. This term they were successful in procuring one. The money was profitably expended. Whole number of scholars, 16 ; average, 14. Wages per month, including board, $24. Jacob Akerman, Prudential Committee.

I think our schools, for the past year, will compare favorably with the schools of past years. But should we rest content with this result? Should we not make an effort to impove our schools each year? If one tenth of the interest and energy was manifested in the effort to improve our schools, that is shown by our

people in the prosecution of their pecuniary affairs, we should find that such a thing as an unsuccessful and unprofitable school would rarely be recorded.

Very much depends upon the Prudential Committee. They should endeavor to procure profitable teachers. Not hire a teacher because she will work cheap, but pay a good price and get a good one. It is the duty of every Prudential Committee to visit the school, once at least, in every term.

Teachers should make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the branches to be taught. They must have surveyed the whole field in order to conduct the inquirers over any part or there will be liability to ruinous misdirection. Teachers who are obliged to watch the page while the class recites are unfit for their work.

The evils of irregular attendance and tardiness, which afflict some of our schools, should be remedied. Parents should see that their children are regular in attendance at school, and in proper season. The habit of punctuality should be inculcated in early life; and they should, also, do all they can to interest their children in school, and say nothing to prejudice their minds against the teacher. Good school-houses are also very important. In District No. 1 the house is decidedly poor; it needs to be remodelled within and without before it can be comfortable. Number of visits made to schools by Superintending School Committee, fifty-seven.

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